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President Thomas Makes Suffrage Speech as Amendment Passes House DESCRIBES WORK FOR FEDERAL MEASURE—CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

While the Federal Amendment giving women the vote was being passed in the House of Representatives last Thursday, President Thomas, in an enthusiastic speech before the Suffrage Club in Pembroke East, described the work done for the Federal Amendment at the Annual Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, held in December in Washington, D. C.

Before she began speaking, President Thomas asked a member of the club to call up the North American Information bureau and find out the progress of the vote. "The test vote triumphant in the House—nothing final—but the measure sure to pass", came back the answer to a delighted audience.

President Thomas shared the optimism of the reporter at the end of the wire and predicted the passage of the amendment through both Houses and its ratification by three-fourths of the States.

She cited the nearly equal representation of Republicans and Democrats in Congress as favorable to woman suffrage. Both parties, she explained, are afraid of losing a single seat through opposing the woman suffragists who now vote in twelve States. The passage of the prohibition amendment, she pointed out, had prepared the way for a Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment by dealing a blow at the States' rights doctrine.

Describing the measures taken by the Woman Suffrage Convention to bring pressure on Congress to pass the Federal Amendment, President Thomas read the resolution voted unanimously by the delegates, a "resolution with teeth":

"That if the Sixty-fifth Congress fails to submit the amendment before the Congressional election of 1918, the Association shall select and enter into such a number of senatorial and congressional campaigns as will effect a change in both Houses of Congress sufficient to insure the passage of the Federal Amendment."

The selection of the candidates to be opposed is to be left to the Executive Board of the State in question.

A patriotic rider to the resolution declared that neither party considerations nor loyalty to the Federal Amendment should take precedence of loyalty to the country. The passage of this resolution by the suffragists, according to President Thomas, together with the fact that New York, the most powerful State in the Union, had gone for woman suffrage, made the Federal Amendment for the first time an immediate possibility.

To illustrate her statement that practically all progressive people are for suffrage the speaker referred to what she termed "a very satisfactory and delightful thing", the fact that during the New York elections the vote of the men in the training camps, of "the young and brave men of the State", was two to one for woman suffrage.

M. Martin '19, the youngest delegate, spoke briefly to the Club on the practical details of the Convention, emphasizing the businesslike methods, the political atmosphere, and the wonderful speeches of the leaders.

On the same day the suffrage amendment was passed in the House of Representatives a bill including the enfranchisement of British women was passed by the House of Lords.

SOPHOMORES LEAD IN SWIMMING MEET UNMARKED BY THRILLS

1918 Withdraws Swimming Team No Records Broken or Tied

With a total of 37½ points, as against 1921's 22 and 1919's 17½, 1920 paddled off with the highest honors in the first swimming meet last Friday night. M. S. Cary '20 was individual champion with 20 points to her credit. No records were broken or equaled.

As 1918 did not enter the meet the titles were contested only by the three lower classes. In strong contrast to the meets last year, when new records were established in every event, there was little excitement on the sidelines. From the beginning there was no doubt as to the outcome, and the only surprise of the evening was 1920's loss of the plunge for (Continued on page 3, column 1.)

NEW WATER REGULATIONS IN ROCKEFELLER

Individuals Responsible for Breakage

The Rockefeller water situation came to a head last Monday morning when President Thomas announced in Chapel the regulations drawn up by the business Manager after consultation with Miss Nearing, warden of Rockefeller, and Mr. Foley, superintendent of heating, lighting and plumbing, to prevent the expensive freezing of the pipes. For several weeks Rockefeller has been torn by internal dissensions because of the untimely hour the water was shut off from the rooms at night and turned on in the morning.

Under the new plan breakage of pipes is the responsibility of the individual and must be paid for by her. If the plan fails there is great danger, according to President Thomas, that the individual basins will be taken out by the Directors' Committee on Buildings and Grounds. One washstand will be installed in each bathroom next summer in any event, she said.

The water is now shut off from the rooms at 10.30 p. m. and any one going to bed before then must leave her windows closed for the maid to open at 10.30. It is not turned on again until 7.30 and on Saturdays and Sundays not until 8. Any one wishing to sleep later must leave word for the maid to close her windows at the time the water is turned on.

FOOD CONSERVATION LAUNCHED

To plan a menu which will conform with government regulations, give sufficient nourishment to young people who are working hard, and yet come within the bounds of the college income is, according to Miss Martha Thomas, chairman, the threefold problem confronting the Food Conservation Committee, which held its first meeting last Monday.

The possibility of issuing individual "Hoover" cards, encouraging the saving of sugar and other war scarcities, was discussed at this meeting. K. Sharpless, senior member of the committee, is investigating what has been done along this line by other women's colleges.

All the white bread used in the college was declared by Miss Crawford, Junior Bursar, to be the so-called "war bread", baked with 20 per cent. cornmeal instead of the full wheat.

It was decided at the last Warden's Meeting that milk lunch, usually served twice a day during examinations, will this year be given out only in the evening.

In next week's "College News",
MRS. WILLIAM ROY SMITH
on the
"ROMANCE OF THE MARKET".
The second of a series of articles
by special contributors

MILLION AND A HALF WOMEN HELP WIN WAR IN ENGLAND

Use for Horsechestnuts Found at Last

SOCIETY WOMEN GOOD WORKERS

That society women make excellent kitchen maids in wartime and that without their faithful, conscientious work England could not have done what she has in the war, was one impression gained from Miss Helen Fraser's talk on English Women's Work in Winning the War, given in Taylor Hall last Friday afternoon.

Beside the million and a half women who have replaced men in industry, Miss Fraser pointed out, there is the Woman's Army Corps or the W. A. C.'s as they are called, who are enlisting at the rate of 10,000 a month to do regular army work: cooking, clerical work, light transport driving both in England and in France. Mentioning the fact that there had been but 280 regular army nurses in England at the outbreak of the war, Miss Fraser told of the invaluable aid given in the first months, when six hundred officers were killed, by the V. A. D. or voluntary detachment of the Red Cross. This body, now numbering 60,000, was organized amid a lack of popular enthusiasm, by Miss Haldane in 1909. Its members keep England's thousand hospitals supplied with nurses, Miss Fraser continued. On executive committees, as well as in routine life, she went on, the war has brought out women's ability. The Food Controller has two women co-directors, and women are represented on all committees in which they have special concern.

Farmerettes and "Canary Girls"

Women farmers are trained by the Board of Agriculture on the home farms of the big estates, given a uniform of smock and breeches, cut to order, and transported free to their posts. They stay on for a year and have a minimum wage of \$5 a week, continued Miss Fraser, with a cottage to live in and a daily allowance of milk and fuel.

The million women engaged in munition manufacture turn out as many shells in a fortnight now as were made in all of last year, she said. Miss Fraser praised especially the sacrifice of the "canary girls", who, working with picric acid, turn yellow even to their hair.

Miss Fraser's Own Work

War saving done through associations of soldiers, sailors, and school children subscribing from three farthings a week up, is Miss Fraser's own branch of war work. Saving of food she also described; how fats are extracted from dish-water to make glycerine for munitions and how horsechestnuts as cattle feed have saved 200,000 tons of grain.

In the discussion that followed the lecture (Continued on page 3, column 2.)

TWO BETHLEHEMS IN THE WAR

"According to General Maurice, of the British Army, Bethlehem, Pa., was in a large measure responsible for the capture of Bethlehem, Pal."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

12,000 DRESSINGS TOTAL OUTPUT OF WORKROOM TO DATE

Faculty Work Wednesday Afternoons

Over 12,000 dressings have been folded at college since the Red Cross workroom opened, newly compiled records show. Twenty-seven dressings for the year is the per capita average for the college at large, although the actual weekly average for the worker is 58 dressings a week. The average attendance has been 17 workers a night.

"The workroom attendance has been in the main good, and no dressings have been turned back since the first weeks", figures, "but the college working group is one of the smallest of the Main Line Branch. Probably this is due to its being open only in the evening".

The workroom is open for the Faculty from 3.30 to 6 every Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Noyes, of Penngroves, and Mrs. de Laguna are in charge. 268 dressings have been made in the two afternoons when the workroom was open.

College Knitters Number 300

Three hundred knitters are registered on the workroom wool books. Over a thousand hanks, to the value of about \$829.75, have gone through the hands of the college Red Cross. About half of this was given out free to be returned.

CLASS APPORTIONMENT FOR SERVICE CORPS, \$6000

Varsity to Raise \$4000

The apportionment of the \$10,000 to be raised before June for the Service Corps was ratified by the War Council Tuesday night. \$6000 is divided among the classes proportionate to their membership, and \$4000 is assigned to the college at large.

The class assignments are:

1918, \$1020; 1919, \$1500; 1920, \$1410; 1921, \$2085.

Gate receipts from speakers go to the classes securing them, and pledges taken after the speeches are to be counted toward the class fund of the person pledging. All contracts for speakers must be filed by the Education Department.

The contributions of Faculty, Staff, and graduate students are to go toward the varsity fund, and varsity dramatics, if they are given, will contribute to this fund.

A Service Corps week-end, at which college women experienced in war work will speak, is contemplated by the Red Cross and Allied Relief Department.

Class committees will be directly responsible to the Department of Red Cross and Allied Relief, which is to manage the varsity fund.

NO MORE CAMPUS MOVIES—TOO LITTLE CLEARED

Movies in the gymnasium for the benefit of War Relief have been abandoned, on the recommendation of the manager, M. Martin '19.

The expense of showing the films has increased to such an extent, Miss Martin pointed out, that the profits are too small to justify the risk. At the last movie, given November 24th, \$40 out of the \$100 taken in went for expenses, whereas last year the relation of the expenses to the total receipts was usually about \$60 out of \$120.

Miss Martin has managed the college movies for two years, last year for the benefit of the Endowment Fund, this year under the Red Cross and Allied Relief Department of the War Council.

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The "public" of the News will join the Board in welcoming the series of articles beginning this week by the Faculty and other contributors. The varied viewpoints may serve to jog the editors from their ruts and to tempt the jaded appetites of the readers.

Work for the Night is Coming!

The midyears grim are on their way, a gloom is on the air, the desk reserved signs crowd the Lib: we feel we must prepare. It is the time for greasy grinds—unhappy moments these! Freshman and Senior, one and all, desert your lives of ease!

"So, to the library let us on,

The time is swift and will be gone".

\$10,000 for the Service Corps

\$10,000 for the Service Corps is a large order, but Bryn Mawr can make it and will make it. It will require of the committee unremitting work and of everyone in college sustained enthusiasm. For the campaign is being undertaken not with the pathetic resignation which caused one woman to say to another whose boy had enlisted, "I shouldn't think you'd like to have your son go to be killed", but with rejoicing that Bryn Mawr is at last putting her shoulder to the wheel.

NO MORE RICE FOR BRIDES IS LATEST HOOVER DECREE

Rice, as a part of wedding festivities, must be given up and the bride and groom escape unshowered, according to a dictum of the Food Administration.

The first formal announcement of the new régime has been made, the New York Times reports, at the Hotel Majestic in New York, where a placard, hanging in the room where weddings take place, urges the saving of rice. Last week there were six weddings in five days in this room and quantities of rice were wasted.

IN THE NEW BOOK ROOM

The English Speaking Peoples, by George Louis Beer—An American professor's consideration of the "advantages and necessity of a co-operative democratic alliance" between England and America after the war, and the possibility of such an alliance's leading to a "permanent political association".

To Ruhleben and Back, by Geoffrey Pyke—The adventures in 1914-15 of a British newspaper correspondent, who was "caught up in the vast mechanism of the German Empire . . . beaten, crushed, and hammered first by one great section then by another . . . finally to be cast aside as harmless while the great machine went on its way".

Books and Persons, by Arnold Bennett, reprinted from journalistic essays and reviews of the years 1908-1911.

Mark Twain's Letters, edited with comment and a biographical summary by Albert Bigelow Paine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed in this column.

Bryn Mawr Patriotism Encouraging, Says Alumna—Describes Misery in Paris

To the Editor of the College News:

It is most encouraging to those of us in France who see the College News to learn through its columns of the earnest patriotism at Bryn Mawr. The glorious Liberty Loan campaign, the extensive organization of war committees, and the general tone of college life seem to indicate a determination to do the self-sacrificing things, no matter how commonplace, that are necessary to win victory and peace.

I should appreciate very much the opportunity to suggest that some share of your gifts to war sufferers be given through the Shurtleff war relief work to the refugees of Paris. The needs of those who have given not only their husbands and brothers, but their homes and often their little children, for their country grow every day more appalling. The families of the soldiers who are holding the trenches with indomitable courage must be cared for.

The Shurtleff Committee, which has been helping the refugees since the outbreak of the war with clothing, furniture, and special aid of various sorts, is supported by gifts from America. Like many of the committees in France it is allied to the Red Cross in its work, but is financially independent. The large organizations must undertake the extensive work, but for immediate pressing need the smaller committees are indispensable. It is therefore essential that these committees receive increased aid as the need becomes more acute.

Members of the committee go out in pairs every day to climb the dark flights of stairs and visit the people in their dismal, crowded rooms; others interview the families approved of and fit them out with good second-hand American clothes and shoes worth their weight in gold. Still others buy the furniture and deliver it in the little Ford truck. There is an Ouvroir that gives work to about sixty women, and a food department to build up particularly run down families. In a weekly conference problems are discussed, cases are approved, and special cases assigned for medical care and follow-up work; the thrilling stories of adventure and escape lighten the atmosphere of misery and suffering.

The appeal of misery cannot be ignored. If it is possible to send second-hand clothing to those who come from Germany suffering with the cold, if it is possible by gifts of money to give beds to the little children who are sleeping on the Paris floors, the sacrifice and generosity on your part will be greatly appreciated.

Eleanor Lapsing Dulles '17.

278 Boulevard Raspail, Paris.

December 3, 1917.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PORTRAIT FEATURE OF ACADEMY

Exhibition Opens February 3d
Sargent's portrait of President Wilson will be the feature of the 113th annual exhibition of the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, which opens Sunday, February 3d.

Mr. Sargent received for the painting \$50,000, which he gave to the Red Cross, from the late Sir Hugh Lane. The picture will go ultimately to the Dublin Gallery. It has been on exhibition recently in Washington.

"The President Wilson will interest every one who sees it", says the Public Ledger, "even if it does not charm, since it represents the subject as possessing a somewhat leathery type of face, rather drawn and with compressed mouth, not exactly the expansive Wilson of the public platform and the movies".

Why English Women Outstrip American in War Work

[Specially written for The College News by Miss Clara Mortenson, Instructor in Economics and Politics.]

The one thought in the mind of almost everyone as they left Taylor Hall after hearing the inspiring address of Miss Fraser was that we, the American women, are not measuring up to the English women. Why are we not more extensively employed? What can we do? Where will our services count the most?

These questions demand serious consideration. We must remember that the situation in the United States is quite different from that in England. During the first year of the war only a small percentage of our men will be called into military service. The vacancies so created can be filled by a readjustment of labor from the non-essential industries to the war industries and by employing

many who, at the present time, are seeking work.

Government investigations have proved that there is no real shortage of labor. There is a shortage of skilled machinists in the ship-building industry, but, unfortunately, women are not skilled in this trade. The unskilled male worker at present could be more profitably trained to do this work. The government needs skilled typists, trained nurses, physicans, linguists, and accountants. Since it takes both time and money to acquire an education, and since those who have a trained mind will be greatly in demand in the future it is our duty to continue our studies so, when the time comes, as it probably will if war continues, we will be able to take our places willingly and intelligently in whatever capacity we are needed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dean Taft spoke at the New York branch of the Alumnae Association Saturday on War Work in the College, and ex-Dean Marion Reilly '01 on the Service Corps.

Trench rings of aluminum and brass, designed by E. Fuller '19 and made by French Mufflers, will be 1919's class rings. They are being procured through Emily Cross '01, who is working in Paris for the French orphans, and will cost about two dollars apiece.

A book by Dr. Gray, "Wartime Control of Industry in England", is being published by the Macmillan Company and will be out in about two weeks.

Professor Wright, Professor and Mrs. Frank, Professor and Mrs. Ferguson, Professor Chew, and Miss Reed, received at the Faculty Tea to the Graduates yesterday afternoon in Merion.

Brown sugar is being used on the tables in some of the hall dining-rooms.

An English club tea, at which Ralph Adams Cram's "Gothic Architecture" was read aloud, was given by A. Booth '18, in Radnor last Thursday.

Miss Schoell, French graduate student, will speak to the French Club on her work in the French hospitals next Sunday.

The tower portion of the Christian Association Library has been walled off to make an office for Dr. Ethel Sabin, Associate Professor in Philosophy.

The E. C. Wright Co. of Philadelphia is giving the die for 1919's class paper free, on condition that the class give ten dollars to War Relief.

Two Juniors have been recommended to the office by the Self-Government Association to take the place of E. Marquand '19 and A. Landon '19 in Llysfran for the second semester.

The Choir went to the College Settlement House in Philadelphia last week and sang at the Christmas Party of the Mothers' Club.

E. Harris '21 was operated on for appendicitis at the Germantown Hospital on January 9th.

FAMOUS CRITIC'S FIRST PLAY

OPENS HERE THIS WEEK

His Cook Inspired Him to Write

Alan Dale, the New York dramatic critic, has written his first play, "The Madonna of the Future", a satire, which opened for one week at the Adelphi on Monday, with Emily Stevens as the star.

"My cook came to me one day", the Public Ledger quotes Mr. Dale as saying, "and said, 'I've written a five-act melodrama and I want you to give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Morosco'."

"It was a great blow to me. Cook was so excellent and I thought she would be wasted upon the theatre. 'You'll leave me, of course', I suggested, 'I'm sorry'. 'Oh, no, sir', she replied, 'I only wanted

to get out of my groove, and besides I am anxious to write something which my friends can go to see'. . . . It occurred to me that perhaps I might, if not get out of my groove, at least wiggle a bit in it".

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU CAMPAIGN

A vigorous campaign has been launched by the Employment Bureau of the Christian Association to remind the people wanting work done of the students on its list wishing various odd jobs. Notices have been sent to all the members of the Faculty and to the schools in Bryn Mawr, and posters have been placed on all the bulletin boards.

SOPHOMORES LEAD IN MEET
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distance, in which M. R. Brown '20, who holds the record of 55 ft., made fourth place, with 45 ft. 9 1/4 in.

1921's good material was largely wasted, for their swimmers were slow in starting, and had not fully mastered the theory of the plunge for distance.

Summary:

65 ft. swim on front		
1 P. Helmer, '20.....	18 3/4 sec.	
2 E. Cope, '21.....	19 1/2 sec.	
3 O. Hearn, '19.....	19 4/5 sec.	
4 K. Caldwell, '20.....	17 sec.	
135 ft. swim on front		
1 K. Woodward, '21.....	38 sec.	
2 E. Cope, '21.....	38 sec.	
3 D. Walter, '21.....	40 1/2 sec.	
4 K. Caldwell, '20.....	44 1/2 sec.	
65 ft. swim on back:		
1 M. S. Cary, '20.....	18 1/2 sec.	
2 P. Helmer, '20.....	18 1/2 sec.	
3 D. Walter, '21.....	19 1/2 sec.	
4 E. Cope, '21.....	21 1/2 sec.	
135 ft. swim on back:		
1 M. S. Cary, '20.....	41 1/2 sec.	
2 P. Helmer, '20.....	43 sec.	
3 D. Walter, '21.....	46 1/2 sec.	
4 H. Holman, '20.....	47 sec.	
Plunge for distance:		
1 H. Spalding, '19.....	51 ft., 10 3/4 in.	
2 M. Ramsay, '19.....	50 ft., 1 1/2 in.	
3 E. Lanier, '19.....	48 ft.	
4 M. R. Brown, '20.....	45 ft., 9 1/4 in.	
Dive for form:		
1 M. S. Cary, '20.....	28 1	
2 E. Lanier, '19.....	20 5	
3 K. Caldwell, '20.....	25 5	
4 M. Norton, '21.....	24 8	
Fancy dive:		
1 M. S. Cary, '20.....	33.25	
2 H. Spalding, '19.....	27.05	
3 E. Cecil, '21.....	22.15	
4 E. Cope, '21.....	14.5	
Class relay:		
1920 defeated 1919 1 min. 13 1/2 sec.		

All these places may be changed in the final meet, which comes to-morrow night. The scoring is: First place, 5 points; second place, 3 points; third place, 2 points; fourth place, 1 point.

FRENCH-SPEAKING SOLDIERS
FORM SPECIAL REGIMENT

An all French-speaking regiment, achieved by the transfer of men from all over the country to the First New Hampshire Infantry, part of Major Cameron's Fourth Division, is the probable outgrowth of a plan of the War Department to have a special regiment of interpreters, says the New York Times. The new regiment is quartered at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C. A hundred and fifty men were transferred from Camp Wadsworth alone.

WATER POLO ISSUE COMPROMISED, SPORT NOT ABOLISHED
Practice Begins After Midyears

Water-polo practice stopped last week to begin again after mid-years, in accordance with a motion passed at the Athletic Association meeting called by petition last Wednesday to consider the abolition of water-polo as a major sport.

Hot discussion preceded the decisive motion, which was made by A. Thorndike '19. The unpopularity of the game, proved by the small numbers that come out for it, the danger of colds, and the development of a professional viewpoint through oversteering "class spirit" were the objections urged, particularly by F. Howell '19, a first team player. Indoor basket-ball and, in the spring, baseball were suggested as substitutes. A. Thorndike defended the game, pointing out the waste of not making use of the exceptionally good pool.

A motion made by M. Bacon '18 that this year each class should have only one team, was defeated and the compromise measure putting off practice till the second semester was passed by a vote of 88 to 23.

PROPERTY FOOD ON LONDON STAGE

London food economy has been extended to the stage, says the Associated Press. In one banquet scene the actors sit down to a meal consisting of canvas bread, brown water soup, wood cutlets, and ginger ale champagne. Weak cocoa serves for the beer drunk in another performance and imitation bananas have been substituted in a play of the East.

SPORTING NOTES

No banner will be hung out on the gymnasium during water-polo practice for this year's championship, as C. Hall, president of the Class of 1917, which holds the title, is unwilling for the red banner to go up after the class has left college.

The undergraduates have been invited by the graduates to join in their regular basket-ball practices on Thursday evening from 8.30 to 9, in the gym.

PUBLICITY BUREAU FOR CENTER

A. McMasters '17 to Act as Press Agent

A new department has been organized at the Community Center in the form of a publicity bureau, headed by A. McMasters '17. The bureau will furnish information about the center to the College News, write the Community Center column of the Home News published in Bryn Mawr, and oversee advertising on the bulletin boards.

Most of this work has been done hitherto by "Jane" Smith '10, director of the Center.

"KITCHENGARDEN" CLASS
AT CENTER

Housekeeping on Kindergarten Scale

"Kitchengarden" is the name of a class for little girls, which opened at the Community Center last week. The course, which is conducted along kindergarten methods, consists in teaching housekeeping by means of dolls.

N. Porter '21, assisted by M. Smith '21, has charge of the class, which will meet every Saturday morning at ten.

WHAT'S IN STATISTICS?

A journal on crime stated that statistics showed that crime among the Turks had increased 100 per cent in Washington, D. C., during the past year. Upon investigation it was found that during the year in question only one Turk had lived in Washington and that he had been arrested twice that year and once the year before!

IN PHILADELPHIA

Lyric—"Her Regiment", with Donald Brian.

Adelphi—"The Madonna of the Future", with Emily Stevens. Next week William Gillette in "A Successful Calamity".

Forrest—"The Music Master", with David Warfield.

Garrick—"Turn to the Right".

Broad—Last week of "Mr. Antonio", with Otis Skinner; next week, George Arliss in "Hamilton".

Chestnut Street Opera House—"The Passing Show of 1917".

Keltb's—Elsie Janis.

MAIDS WORK FOR WAR REFUGEES

The maids' class in sewing and knitting for French and Belgian refugees opened last night under the direction of Z. Boynton '20. This class will take the place of the Red Cross Course given last year.


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Perfect freedom of speech for college professors when speaking on their own subject is insisted on by President Lowell of Harvard, in his recent annual report, as one of the conditions of intellectual progress. On matters outside the sphere of his professorship, however, the professor's rights are merely those of an ordinary citizen, President Lowell finds.

"The fact that a man fills a chair of astronomy, for example, confers on him no particular right to speak upon the protective tariff", he declares. Moreover, since a college is "under certain obligations to its students", in that it "compels them to attend courses of instruction", the students, on their side, "have the right not to be compelled to listen to remarks offensive or injurious to them on subjects of which the instructor is not a master—a right which the teacher is bound to respect".

REFUGEE FROM SIEGE OF VAN, SPEAKER HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

Dr. Clarence Ussher, a medical missionary who was in an Armenian hospital in Van, Turkey, during the siege by the Turks in 1915, will speak Sunday evening in Chapel.

In a book describing his experiences at the time, Dr. Ussher tells how the Russians, who came to the relief of the hard-pressed Armenians, were compelled to evacuate and leave them to be slaughtered. Dr. Ussher came to the United States six months ago to lecture for Armenian and Syrian relief.

DIRECTORS ASK FORMER STUDENTS TO JOIN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Attempt to Increase Life Membership
Special invitations to former students of the college to join the Alumnae Association have recently been sent out by the Alumnae Board of Directors in an organized attempt to increase the Association's membership. Any former student who attended two consecutive semesters while in college is eligible to Associate Membership, with most of the powers of full membership, as soon as four years have elapsed from the date of her entering as a Freshman.

Associate Membership is conferred on applicants through unanimous election by the Alumnae Board of Directors. Except for the power of voting and the right to hold office in the Board of Directors or to serve on standing committees, associate members have the same privileges as full members. They pay the same annual dues of one dollar and fifty cents, but are exempt from all assessments.

A special attempt to increase the Life Membership of the Association is also being made. Life Membership, open to former students as well as alumnae, has dues of thirty dollars and provides exemption from all annual dues, assessments, and possible increases in the dues.

WORKMEN PERSECUTED IN AMERICA, RUSSIAN REPORTS IN PETROGRAD

Tortures, supposedly inflicted on rebellious workmen in this country, were described by one of the speakers at a mass meeting in Petrograd a few weeks ago.

"It is far from uncommon in the United States for workmen resisting the demands of their employers to be imprisoned for life, cast into underground dungeons, to be broken on the wheel, and to have their limbs nailed on the front doors of their houses", the New York Times quotes from the account of a member of the American Red Cross Mission to Russia.

The immediate cause for this anti-American demonstration was a report concerning the anarchist, Alexander Berkman, now under sentence for conspiring to obstruct the draft regulations. The speaker declared that Berkman had been thrown into a dungeon and would never again see daylight.

ALUMNA TO LEAD WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETINGS SECOND SEMESTER

Kate Chambers Seelye '11 Ph.D., Will Lecture on Comparative Religions

A study of comparative religions, led by Kate Chambers '11, Ph.D. (Mrs. Laurens H. Seelye), will constitute the Bible Mission Study Course for the second semester.

Mrs. Seelye, who is a sister of D. Chambers '19, has led courses at several Y. W. C. A. conferences. At one time a student volunteer with the hope of going to Turkey, she studied for a doctor's degree in Comparative Religions and Arabic under Professor Jastrow, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor Gottlieb, of Columbia.

Beginning Wednesday, February 6th, the course will last seven weeks. February 20th and March 13th there will be division meetings for discussion, led by members of the Bible Mission Study Committee. The subjects of the five lectures by Mrs. Seelye will be: Primitive Religions; Mohammedanism; Buddhism; Hinduism; Confucianism, and the religions of Japan.

ARE INVESTIGATING PLAYS SUGGESTED BY PROF. BAKER

Both Long and Short Considered

A number of plays suggested by Professor Baker of Harvard are being investigated by the Varsity Dramatics Committee. Among these are Verhaeren, a play of cloister life; Behind a Watteau Picture, which has just been played at the Greenwich Village Theatre; The Maker of Dreams, by Oliphant, and Three Piles in a Bottle, one of the plays produced in Workshop 47.

Either one long play or two short plays would serve the purpose, the committee feels. In the report which they submit to the Undergraduate Association they will recommend a number of each, arranging the short plays in groups and estimating the cost of production of each group.

In interviewing Professor Baker over vacation, M. Martin '19, chairman of the committee, says that she received from him many suggestions as to the production and lighting of an out-door performance in addition to recommendations as to plays. In the article on Varsity Dramatics in the News last week the outcome of Miss Martin's interview with Professor Baker, referred to as ending "with little success", was unconsciously misrepresented.

MAIN LINE RED CROSS MOVES

Lancaster Inn Is New Headquarters
The old Lancaster Inn on Montgomery Avenue and Morris Avenue, opposite the Baldwin School, is to be the new headquarters of the Main Line Branch of the Red Cross.

E. Rondinella '19, who has been giving out wool Friday afternoons at headquarters, is in charge of the wool books.

ENGLISH WOMEN HELP WIN WAR

(Continued from page 1.)

ture and at the Deanery afterward, where the War Council met the speaker at tea. Miss Fraser emphasized the point that government recognition of women's work is much slower in this country than in England, perhaps for the reason that they have in the past had great influence in politics over there and have been organized for twenty-five years in the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. She added that the first service a college woman could give is to finish her education. In England the women's colleges are full.

WAR PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT
Gladys Leuba in Second Biggest Role
"Frères d'Armes", a French play on the war, acted by an amateur company composed almost entirely of children, will be given in the gymnasium Saturday night at eight-fifteen. The profits will be divided between the Bryn Mawr Service Corps Fund and a Franco-American hospital.

Gladys Leuba, daughter of Dr. James H. Leuba, will play opposite Miss Alix Dolan, who has the leading rôle. The play was first presented in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford last night and is being coached by Mile Delpit, of Bryn Mawr. Bombardment of a French village with realistic cannon shot will be a feature of the performance.

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"The First American Newspaper Printed at the Front" has been issued every Sunday since last August by Section 63 of the American Red Cross Ambulance service, says an article in the Red Cross Magazine for January.

The title of this weekly production is "Soixante Trois". Like other trench papers it is made on a duplicating machine and, on account of its popularity and the lack of paper, rarely in sufficient quantities.

Drawings, seriously patriotic editorials, explanations of officially couched orders, and social notes fill the sheet. One issue contained a pictorial supplement with the emblem of the section executed in inks of three colors. The advertising serves as an outlet for humor:

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"It's a sorry job on a sorry road,
With the brancards shaking their gory
load,
And the agonized cry of the poor
blesse—

Doucement, doucement, e'll vous plait.
"A man's last hope, and love and fear,
Are swinging there in his atretcher gear.
But no matter the danger, night or day,
He must aller doucement—e'll vous plait."

COMFORT FOR THE MERITLESS
Sophomores Reopen Insurance Bureau
An insurance office for merits has been opened again this year by G. Steele '20 and L. Sloan '20. By payment of 25 cents, a student can reserve the right to a share in the company's profits should he not make the necessary eight merits at mid-year. As soon as all the returns are in from the examinations the directors will subtract one-third of the receipts and divide the rest among the meriteless shareholders.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 17
Matriculation examinations begin.

Friday, January 18
8.30 P. M.—Swimming meet.

Saturday, January 19
8.00 P. M.—Performance of "Frères d'Armes", French war play, acted by children, in the Gymnasium, for benefit of War Relief.

Sunday, January 20

6.00 P. M.—Vespers. Leader, Delegates to Northfield Conference: M. Bacon '18, L. T. Smith '18, E. Biddle '19, D. Chambers '19, M. M. Carey '20.

8.00 P. M.—Chapel. Sermon by Clarence Uasber, M.D., of Van, Turkey.

Monday, January 21

8.00 P. M.—President Thomas at home to the graduates.

Wednesday, January 23

9.00 A. M.—Collegiate examinations begin.

Sunday, January 27

6.00 P. M.—Vespers. Leader, Miss Applebee.

8.00 P. M.—Chapel. Sermon by Rev. Warren S. Archibald, of Hartford, Mass.

Saturday, February 2

End of Collegiate examinations.
End of semester.

Meeting of Alumni Association.

Wednesday, February 6

9.00 A. M.—Second semester begins. Registration at first lecture required.

STUDENTS SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT ORAL CLASS SYSTEM

Letter From President Convinces Them That Fines Are Reasonable

In view of President Thomas's letter to the Undergraduate Association stating the reasons for the present arrangement of oral tutoring classes, no further protest on the subject of tutoring classes will be made by the student body. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Association last week in Taylor, when President Thomas's letter was read aloud by Miss Kneeland, and the Association abandoned its previous plan of asking for a conference with the Faculty.

President Thomas, replying to a statement made when she and Dean Taft met, wrote in part:

That some of the students seemed to think that it was not in accordance with Bryn Mawr practice to make students pay for tutoring classes, but that—to quote verbally: "There are a number of avoidable charges imposed on Bryn Mawr students as on all other college students, for example, gymnasium and library fines, fines for banding in course books late, fines for changing courses, and the most serious fines of all imposed on Freshmen who fail to pass off their entrance conditions by the end of the first semester, in which case, as you know, they are compelled to take at their own expense a tutor recommended by the college and to tutor a certain number of hours a week throughout the second semester, the minimum price for such tutoring being \$1.50 per hour.

"All universities and colleges have to use fines for two reasons, first, because they are most effective, and second, because indirect charges which can be avoided by industry and care constitute the best known way of supplementing inadequate fixed charges.

"I should like you to know that to meet the case of very poor students who really cannot afford to pay such avoidable extra charges, the Directors of the college have created what is known as the President's Fund, out of which fines and tutoring classes in French and German are paid when it is evident to the Dean of the college or to the Secretary or to me that the students concerned are really unable to pay them. Every year the charges for French and German tutoring for a few students are paid out of this fund.

"A few years ago we tried the experiment for one year of giving tutoring classes in French and German to the students without charge; but it worked badly, first because, as is almost always the case with free classes, the students did not seem to value the teaching and cut a great deal more than they do when they pay for them; and secondly, because the expense to the college was so great that it prevented us from making another academic appointment which we very much needed."

ALUMNAE NOTES

Margaret Russell '16 was married on January 12th to Mr. Roger Kellen at Plymouth, Mass. Miss Russell was president of Self-Government. Mr. Roger Kellen is a brother of Constance Kellen '16.

Miriam Hedger '10, ex-business manager of the college, was married to Mr. Alexander R. Smith on November 29th, at Yokohama, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard Morgan (Barbara Spofford '09) have a son, born in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wiggin (Helen Brooks ex-'14) have a daughter, born last August.

Anne Jaggard ex-'16 was married last June to Mr. Theodore Kopper of St. Paul. Jessie Hewitt '06, Grace Branham '10, Dorothy Mott '08, are teaching at Rosemary Hall this year.

Cynthia Wesson '09 is running a Y. M. C. A. Canteen in one of the American Army training camps "Somewhere in France". Dr. Cockett is helping her. They serve as many as 1000 sandwiches a day besides cakes and hot drinks.

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